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(Twenty-eighth session, 24 and 25 February 2000,  
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Working Party on Customs Questions  
affecting Transport  
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**CUSTOMS CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT OF GOODS  
UNDER COVER OF TIR CARNETS (TIR CONVENTION, 1975)**

**Application of the Convention**

**EDI control system for TIR Carnets:**

**Modification of the Recommendation adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee  
on 20 October 1995**

**Note by the UN/ECE secretariat**

1. At its ninety-third session, the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (WP.30) agreed that there was a need to prepare and approve a harmonized procedure in order to ensure that the EDI control system enshrined in the Recommendation of the TIR Administrative Committee was functioning efficiently and accurately.

2. In particular, it was felt that there was a need to provide for a well-functioning reconciliation procedure ensuring that there was no discrepancy between the information on the counterfoils in the used TIR Carnets and the data transmitted electronically from the Customs office of destination could be eliminated. A similar procedure would be required in case no data have been transmitted whereas the used TIR Carnet has been returned to the national association.

3. The Working Party endorsed in principle proposals made by the IRU with regard to a standard reconciliation procedure as well as to a model form to be used for a reconciliation request (TRANS/WP.30/1999/11). The UN/ECE secretariat was requested to prepare on this basis a draft amendment to the relevant Recommendation of the TIR Administrative Committee of 20 October 1995 for consideration by the Working Party and the TIR Administrative Committee at its forthcoming sessions (TRANS/WP.30/186, paras. 46-50).

4. In accordance with this mandate, the UN/ECE secretariat has prepared a new Recommendation consisting of the revised text of the Recommendation itself (proposed amendments figure in bold font) and an annex containing a Model Reconciliation Form (MRF).

5. The terminology used in the proposed revised Recommendation and in the annexed MRF is the one used in the TIR Convention in its present form. However, under phase II of the TIR revision process, new definitions for a number of terms used in the Convention are under consideration, such as on termination and discharge procedures. Should such definitions be adopted by the TIR Administrative Committee in 2000 and come into force, possibly in 2001, the terminology used in the Recommendation would need to be modified accordingly.

6. In considering the proposed amendment, the Working Party may wish to recall that the Recommendation has been prepared and adopted in 1995 upon the insistence of the international insurers of the IRU providing guarantee coverage for all TIR Carnets distributed and issued under the auspices of the IRU and its national associations. Thus the text and the provisions of the Recommendation, based on Article 42 bis of the TIR Convention, refer and are applicable only in relation to TIR Carnets distributed by the IRU and issued by its national associations.

7. The Working Party and the TIR Administrative Committee may wish to consider the revised Recommendation as provided below with a view to its adoption.

## INTRODUCTION OF A CONTROL SYSTEM FOR TIR CARNETS

### **Recommendation adopted by the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention, 1975 on 20 October 1995**

The Administrative Committee,

Referring to Resolution No. 49 on short-term measures to ensure the security and the efficient functioning of the TIR transit regime, adopted on 3 March 1995 by the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport (TRANS/WP.30/162, annex 2),

Referring also to the Urgent Communication to all Contracting Parties of the TIR Convention, 1975, adopted by the TIR Contact Group on 29 June 1995 relating to the transport of small quantities of tobacco and alcohol (TRANS/WP.30/R.157, annex),

Regretting that, in spite of the activities of Contracting Parties to control more effectively the functioning of the TIR transit regime in line with the recommendations of the above two instruments and in spite of the efforts of the IRU, the international insurers would only be prepared to continue their insurance coverage if additional short-term measures are implemented by Customs authorities,

Determined to safeguard the present TIR transit system,

With a view to furnishing rapidly data to the IRU on the presentation of TIR Carnets at Customs offices of destination, decides to recommend to all Contracting Parties to implement, at all Customs offices authorized to handle TIR Carnets, the following measure:

- (1)** Customs authorities should transmit to the competent national guaranteeing associations, if possible via central or regional offices, by the fastest available means of communication (fax, electronic mail, etc.) and if possible on a daily basis, at least the following information in a standard format in respect of all TIR Carnets presented at Customs offices of destination, as defined in article 1 (g) of the Convention:
  - (a) TIR Carnet reference number;
  - (b) Date and record number in the Customs ledger;
  - (c) Name or number of Customs office of destination;
  - (d) Date and reference number of the discharge (if different from (b))
  - (e) Partial or total unloading;

- (f) Discharge with or without reservation, without prejudice to articles 8 and 11 of the Convention;
- (g) Other information or documents (optional)
- (h) Page number.<sup>1</sup>

**(2) The annexed Model Reconciliation Form (MRF) could be addressed to Customs authorities by national associations or by the IRU**

- (a) in case of discrepancies between the data transmitted and those on the counterfoils in the used TIR Carnet; or**
- (b) in case no data have been transmitted whereas the used TIR Carnet has been returned to the national association.**

**Customs authorities should return the duly filled-in MRF as soon as possible.<sup>2</sup>**

Requests national guaranteeing associations and the IRU to allow Customs authorities access to their respective data banks on TIR Carnets, if they so wish;

Also requests Customs authorities and national guaranteeing associations to conclude an agreement, in line with national law, covering the above data exchange;

Understands that the implementation of the above data exchange, as soon as possible, but by 31 December 1995 at the latest, will replace the existing separate private control procedure in those Contracting Parties where it is currently applied;

Requests Contracting Parties and the IRU to report to the next sessions of the Administrative Committee, the UN/ECE Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport and the TIR Contact Group on the implementation of the above measure.

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<sup>1</sup> Amended by the TIR Administrative Committee on 26 February 1999 (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/53, para. 43).

<sup>2</sup> Amended by the TIR Administrative Committee on 25 February 2000 (TRANS/WP.30/AC.2/57, para. ...)

Annex**Model Reconciliation Form (MRF)***To be filled in by the initiator of the request for reconciliation***Destination:****Regional Customs Office:****Customs Office of destination:**

Name:

Name:

**Received on:****Received on:**

Date:

Date:

Stamp

Stamp

**Data to be confirmed**

Data source:

 TIR Carnet SafeTIR data

TIR Carnet N°	Customs office of discharge of the TIR Carnet	Reference for discharge of the TIR Carnet	Date of discharge of the TIR Carnet	Voucher page N°	Partial / final discharge	Unconditional / conditional discharge	No. of packages

Attachments:

 copy of TIR Carnet counterfoils

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Response from Customs office of destination** **Confirmation** **Correction** **No reference found**

(please fill in corrected fields)

on the discharge of the TIR Carnet

TIR Carnet N°	Customs office of discharge of the TIR Carnet	Reference for discharge of the TIR Carnet	Date of discharge of the TIR Carnet	Voucher page N°	Partial / final discharge	Unconditional / conditional discharge	No. of packages

Comments:

Date:

Stamp and Signature  
of Customs office  
of destination:**Central Customs Point**

Comments:

Date:

Stamp and/or Signature